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RE: Joan B. Hart, Individually and as the Executrix of  
the Estate of Robert D. Hart v. American  
Steamship Company, et al. - Index o. 01/113346

Dear Judge Chin:

We represent American Steamship Company in the above-referenced matter. This case is based on Plaintiff's allegations that Hart's asbestos-related disease, mesothelioma, was caused by his exposure to asbestos products. Please accept this correspondence as a joint request to transfer this case to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for Pre-Trial Case Management under the asbestos litigation MDL. Plaintiff's counsel, Robert Komitor, Esq., who is reading this in copy, has consented to the instant application.

Very truly yours,  
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**APPLICATION GRANTED.  
SO ORDERED**

  
Denny Chin, U.S.D.J.

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